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Subject: Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site
Supplemental Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies Monthly Progress Report,
June 2013

Dear Jim:

Attached is the 76th monthly progress report for the Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Site) Supplemental Remedial Investigations/Feasibility Studies (SRI/FS). This progress report is submitted per Paragraph 37 of the February 2007 Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent (AOC), Docket No. V-W-07-C-864, and Section 7.1 of the associated Statement of Work (SOW). This report is also submitted per Paragraph 19a of the 2007 AOC for Removal Action (Docket No. V-W-07-C-863) and Paragraph 19a of the 2009 AOC for Removal Action (Docket No. V-W-09-C-925).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Significant Developments and Activities during the Period:

- On June 11, 2013, Georgia-Pacific met with USEPA, MDEQ, MDNR and USF&W to conduct the former Plainwell Impoundment final TCRA inspection and the Plainwell No. 2 Dam Area annual bank inspection. Observations made during the former Plainwell Impoundment inspection include the apparent degradation of a portion of the angular rock armor installed in Removal Areas (RA) 5A and 6B during December 2012 and apparent poor survival of the non-willow live stakes planted in RA-6B. Four areas of the Plainwell No. 2 Dam Area (portions of RA-2A, RA-3A, RA-4A, and RA-4B) were observed to have experienced some erosion since the 2012 inspection and will require some followup monitoring and evaluation for possible repairs. Transect are planned to be surveyed and included in the Bank Conditions Monitoring Report.
- On June 13, 2013, Georgia-Pacific submitted the revised *Area 3 SRI/FS Work Plan and Supplemental Field Sampling Plan (FSP)* for agency review.
- On June 17, 2013, Georgia-Pacific received conditional approval of the revised *Area 4 SRI/FS Work Plan*.
- On June 27, 2013, Georgia-Pacific and AMEC received MDEQ comments, via email, regarding the *Area 3 SRI/FS Supplemental FSP*.
- The project Work Group has transitioned to Area 2 and is continuing to demonstrate progress with respect to SWAC calculation methodologies.
- Georgia-Pacific awaits the following:
 - USEPA's approval of the final *Former Plainwell Impoundment and Plainwell No. 2 Dam Area Bank Conditions Monitoring Report*, submitted December 31, 2012.
 - MDEQ's response to the January 9, 2013 Freedom of Information Act request.
 - USEPA notice of approval or disapproval and comments on the revised *Area 3 SRI/FS Work Plan and Supplemental FSP*, submitted June 13, 2013.

Data Collected and Field Activities Conducted during the Period

- None.

Laboratory Data Received during the Period

- None.

Problems

- None.

Actions Taken to Correct Problems

- None.

Developments Anticipated during the Next Two Reporting Periods

- Field work outlined in the revised *Area 3 SRI/FS Work Plan and Supplemental FSP* is scheduled to commence July 15, 2013, pending receipt of approval from USEPA.

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- The revised *Area 1 FS* is due for submittal to USEPA on July 29, 2013.
- Follow-up information on the angular armor rock used and the survival of the live stakes planted in the former Plainwell Impoundment during December 2012 will be submitted to USEPA in July.